

**Fill in this information to identify your case:**

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

Case number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter you are filing under:

☐ Chapter 7☐ Chapter 11☐ Chapter 12☒ Chapter 13☐ Check if this an amended filing

## Official Form 101

**Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy**

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The bankruptcy forms use you and Debtor 1 to refer to a debtor filing alone. A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*—and in joint cases, these forms use you to ask for information from both debtors. For example, if a form asks, “Do you own a car,” the answer would be yes if either debtor owns a car. When information is needed about the spouses separately, the form uses *Debtor 1* and *Debtor 2* to distinguish between them. In joint cases, one of the spouses must report information as *Debtor 1* and the other as *Debtor 2*. The same person must be *Debtor 1* in all of the forms.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

**Part 1: Identify Yourself****About Debtor 1:****About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):****1. Your full name**

Write the name that is on your government-issued picture identification (for example, your driver's license or passport).

**Patricia**

First name

**Kay**

Middle name

Bring your picture identification to your meeting with the trustee.

**Gruesser**

Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)

First name

Middle name

Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)

**2. All other names you have used in the last 8 years**

Include your married or maiden names.

**FKA Patricia Kay Moran****Patty Gruesser****FKA Patty Moran****3. Only the last 4 digits of your Social Security number or federal Individual Taxpayer Identification number (ITIN)****xxx-xx-3351**

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**About Debtor 1:****About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):****4. Any business names and Employer Identification Numbers (EIN) you have used in the last 8 years**☒ I have not used any business name or EINs.☐ I have not used any business name or EINs.Include trade names and  
doing business as names

Business name(s)

Business name(s)

EINs

EINs

**5. Where you live****719 Kessler Boulevard East Dr  
Indianapolis, IN 46220-2609**

Number, Street, City, State &amp; ZIP Code

**Marion**

County

**If your mailing address is different from the one  
above, fill it in here.** Note that the court will send any  
notices to you at this mailing address.

Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State &amp; ZIP Code

**If Debtor 2 lives at a different address:**

Number, Street, City, State &amp; ZIP Code

County

**If Debtor 2's mailing address is different from yours, fill it in  
here.** Note that the court will send any notices to this mailing  
address.

Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State &amp; ZIP Code

**6. Why you are choosing  
this district to file for  
bankruptcy***Check one:*☒ Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I  
have lived in this district longer than in any other  
district.☐ I have another reason.  
Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)*Check one:*☐ Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I have  
lived in this district longer than in any other district.☐ I have another reason.  
Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)

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**Part 2: Tell the Court About Your Bankruptcy Case**

7. **The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are choosing to file under** *Check one.* (For a brief description of each, see *Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)*). Also, go to the top of page 1 and check the appropriate box.
- ☐ Chapter 7
- ☐ Chapter 11
- ☐ Chapter 12
- ☒ Chapter 13

8. **How you will pay the fee** ☒ **I will pay the entire fee when I file my petition.** Please check with the clerk's office in your local court for more details about how you may pay. Typically, if you are paying the fee yourself, you may pay with cash, cashier's check, or money order. If your attorney is submitting your payment on your behalf, your attorney may pay with a credit card or check with a pre-printed address.
- ☐ **I need to pay the fee in installments.** If you choose this option, sign and attach the *Application for Individuals to Pay The Filing Fee in Installments* (Official Form 103A).
- ☐ **I request that my fee be waived** (You may request this option only if you are filing for Chapter 7. By law, a judge may, but is not required to, waive your fee, and may do so only if your income is less than 150% of the official poverty line that applies to your family size and you are unable to pay the fee in installments). If you choose this option, you must fill out the *Application to Have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived* (Official Form 103B) and file it with your petition.

9. **Have you filed for bankruptcy within the last 8 years?** ☐ No.  
☒ Yes.

District	<u>Southern District of Indiana (Indianapolis)</u>	When	<u>3/19/10</u>	Case number	<u>10-03692-JMC-13</u>
District	<u>Southern District of Indiana (Indianapolis)</u>	When	<u>3/19/97</u>	Case number	<u>97-02972-RLB-13</u>
District	_____	When	_____	Case number	_____

10. **Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a spouse who is not filing this case with you, or by a business partner, or by an affiliate?** ☒ No.  
☐ Yes.

Debtor	_____	Relationship to you	_____
District	_____	When	_____
Case number, if known	_____		
Debtor	_____	Relationship to you	_____
District	_____	When	_____
Case number, if known	_____		

11. **Do you rent your residence?** ☒ No. Go to line 12.
- ☐ Yes. Has your landlord obtained an eviction judgment against you and do you want to stay in your residence?
- ☐ No. Go to line 12.
- ☐ Yes. Fill out *Initial Statement About an Eviction Judgment Against You* (Form 101A) and file it with this bankruptcy petition.

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**Part 3: Report About Any Businesses You Own as a Sole Proprietor****12. Are you a sole proprietor of any full- or part-time business?**☒ No. Go to Part 4.☐ Yes. Name and location of business

A sole proprietorship is a business you operate as an individual, and is not a separate legal entity such as a corporation, partnership, or LLC.

If you have more than one sole proprietorship, use a separate sheet and attach it to this petition.

Name of business, if any

Number, Street, City, State &amp; ZIP Code

Check the appropriate box to describe your business:

- ☐ Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))
- ☐ Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))
- ☐ Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))
- ☐ Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))
- ☐ None of the above

**13. Are you filing under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and are you a small business debtor?**

For a definition of *small business debtor*, see 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D).

If you are filing under Chapter 11, the court must know whether you are a small business debtor so that it can set appropriate deadlines. If you indicate that you are a small business debtor, you must attach your most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. 1116(1)(B).

☒ No. I am not filing under Chapter 11.☐ No. I am filing under Chapter 11, but I am NOT a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.☐ Yes. I am filing under Chapter 11 and I am a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.**Part 4: Report if You Own or Have Any Hazardous Property or Any Property That Needs Immediate Attention****14. Do you own or have any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety? Or do you own any property that needs immediate attention?**☒ No.☐ Yes.

What is the hazard?

If immediate attention is needed, why is it needed?

For example, do you own perishable goods, or livestock that must be fed, or a building that needs urgent repairs?

Where is the property?

Number, Street, City, State &amp; Zip Code

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**Part 5: Explain Your Efforts to Receive a Briefing About Credit Counseling****15. Tell the court whether you have received a briefing about credit counseling.**

The law requires that you receive a briefing about credit counseling before you file for bankruptcy. You must truthfully check one of the following choices. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file.

If you file anyway, the court can dismiss your case, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors can begin collection activities again.

**About Debtor 1:**

You must check one:

- ☒ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.**

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

- ☐ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.**

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you MUST file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

- ☐ **I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.**

To ask for a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement, attach a separate sheet explaining what efforts you made to obtain the briefing, why you were unable to obtain it before you filed for bankruptcy, and what exigent circumstances required you to file this case.

Your case may be dismissed if the court is dissatisfied with your reasons for not receiving a briefing before you filed for bankruptcy. If the court is satisfied with your reasons, you must still receive a briefing within 30 days after you file. You must file a certificate from the approved agency, along with a copy of the payment plan you developed, if any. If you do not do so, your case may be dismissed.

Any extension of the 30-day deadline is granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days.

- ☐ **I am not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling because of:**
- ☐ **Incapacity.**  
I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.
- ☐ **Disability.**  
My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.
- ☐ **Active duty.**  
I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver credit counseling with the court.

**About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):**

You must check one:

- ☐ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.**

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

- ☐ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.**

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you MUST file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

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- ☐ **I am not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling because of:**

- ☐ **Incapacity.**  
I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.
- ☐ **Disability.**  
My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.
- ☐ **Active duty.**  
I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver of credit counseling with the court.

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**Part 6: Answer These Questions for Reporting Purposes**

16. What kind of debts do you have?	16a. <b>Are your debts primarily consumer debts?</b> <i>Consumer debts</i> are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose."
	<input type="checkbox"/> No. Go to line 16b.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. Go to line 17.
	16b. <b>Are your debts primarily business debts?</b> <i>Business debts</i> are debts that you incurred to obtain money for a business or investment or through the operation of the business or investment.
	<input type="checkbox"/> No. Go to line 16c.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Go to line 17.
	16c. State the type of debts you owe that are not consumer debts or business debts
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17. Are you filing under Chapter 7?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. I am not filing under Chapter 7. Go to line 18.
Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses are paid that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. I am filing under Chapter 7. Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses are paid that funds will be available to distribute to unsecured creditors?
	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<hr/>	
18. How many Creditors do you estimate that you owe?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-49 <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99 <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199 <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999
	<input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 5001-10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000
	<input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 100,000
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19. How much do you estimate your assets to be worth?	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion
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20. How much do you estimate your liabilities to be?	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion

**Part 7: Sign Below****For you**

I have examined this petition, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct.

If I have chosen to file under Chapter 7, I am aware that I may proceed, if eligible, under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code. I understand the relief available under each chapter, and I choose to proceed under Chapter 7.

If no attorney represents me and I did not pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help me fill out this document, I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

I understand making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

**/s/ Patricia Gruesser****Patricia Kay Gruesser**

Signature of Debtor 1

Signature of Debtor 2

Executed on **December 20, 2016**  
MM / DD / YYYYExecuted on  
MM / DD / YYYY

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**For your attorney, if you are represented by one****If you are not represented by an attorney, you do not need to file this page.**

I, the attorney for the debtor(s) named in this petition, declare that I have informed the debtor(s) about eligibility to proceed under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each chapter for which the person is eligible. I also certify that I have delivered to the debtor(s) the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) and, in a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, certify that I have no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules filed with the petition is incorrect.

**/s/ Jerry E. Smith**

Signature of Attorney for Debtor

Date

**December 20, 2016**

MM / DD / YYYY

**Jerry E. Smith**

Printed name

**Jerry E. Smith, Attorney CPA, PC**

Firm name

**320 N Meridian St Ste 801****Indianapolis, IN 46204-1752**

Number, Street, City, State &amp; ZIP Code

Contact phone **(317) 917-8680**

Email address

**jerry@debtlaw.us****28071-49**

Bar number &amp; State

**Fill in this information to identify your case:**

Debtor 1	<b>Patricia Kay Gruesser</b>		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2 (Spouse if, filing)			
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION		
Case number (if known)			

☐ Check if this is an amended filing
**Official Form 106D****Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property****12/15**

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, copy the Additional Page, fill it out, number the entries, and attach it to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

**1. Do any creditors have claims secured by your property?**
☐ No. Check this box and submit this form to the court with your other schedules. You have nothing else to report on this form.

☒ Yes. Fill in all of the information below.
**Part 1: List All Secured Claims**

**2. List all secured claims.** If a creditor has more than one secured claim, list the creditor separately for each claim. If more than one creditor has a particular claim, list the other creditors in Part 2. As much as possible, list the claims in alphabetical order according to the creditor's name.

		Column A Amount of claim Do not deduct the value of collateral.	Column B Value of collateral that supports this claim	Column C Unsecured portion If any	
2.1	<b>Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC</b> Creditor's Name  <b>1661 Worthington Rd Ste 100</b> <b>West Palm Beach, FL</b> <b>33409-6493</b> Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code	Describe the property that secures the claim: <b>1st Mortgage Loan</b>  As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disputed Nature of lien. Check all that apply. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An agreement you made (such as mortgage or secured car loan) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory lien (such as tax lien, mechanic's lien) <input type="checkbox"/> Judgment lien from a lawsuit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (including a right to offset) <b>First Mortgage</b>	<b>\$400,000.00</b>	<b>\$247,700.00</b>	<b>\$152,300.00</b>
<b>Who owes the debt?</b> Check one. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another <input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim relates to a community debt		Date debt was incurred _____ Last 4 digits of account number <b>9283</b>			

2.2	<b>Santander Consumer USA</b> Creditor's Name  <b>PO Box 961245</b> <b>Fort Worth, TX</b> <b>76161-0244</b> Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code	Describe the property that secures the claim:  As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed Nature of lien. Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> An agreement you made (such as mortgage or secured car loan) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory lien (such as tax lien, mechanic's lien) <input type="checkbox"/> Judgment lien from a lawsuit <input type="checkbox"/> Other (including a right to offset) _____	<b>\$24,644.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$24,644.00</b>
<b>Who owes the debt?</b> Check one. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another <input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim relates to a community debt					



Debtor 1 **Patricia Kay Gruesser** Case number (if know) \_\_\_\_\_

First Name Middle Name Last Name

Date debt was incurred **2016-07** Last 4 digits of account number **1000**

Add the dollar value of your entries in Column A on this page. Write that number here:

**\$424,644.00**

If this is the last page of your form, add the dollar value totals from all pages.

Write that number here:

**\$424,644.00****Part 2: List Others to Be Notified for a Debt That You Already Listed**

Use this page only if you have others to be notified about your bankruptcy for a debt that you already listed in Part 1. For example, if a collection agency is trying to collect from you for a debt you owe to someone else, list the creditor in Part 1, and then list the collection agency here. Similarly, if you have more than one creditor for any of the debts that you listed in Part 1, list the additional creditors here. If you do not have additional persons to be notified for any debts in Part 1, do not fill out or submit this page.

**Fill in this information to identify your case:**

Debtor 1	<b>Patricia Kay Gruesser</b>		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2 (Spouse if, filing)			
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	<b>SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION</b>		
Case number (if known)			

☐ Check if this is an amended filing
**Official Form 106E/F****Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims****12/15**

Be as complete and accurate as possible. Use Part 1 for creditors with PRIORITY claims and Part 2 for creditors with NONPRIORITY claims. List the other party to any executory contracts or unexpired leases that could result in a claim. Also list executory contracts on Schedule A/B: Property (Official Form 106A/B) and on Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases (Official Form 106G). Do not include any creditors with partially secured claims that are listed in Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property. If more space is needed, copy the Part you need, fill it out, number the entries in the boxes on the left. Attach the Continuation Page to this page. If you have no information to report in a Part, do not file that Part. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

**Part 1: List All of Your PRIORITY Unsecured Claims****1. Do any creditors have priority unsecured claims against you?**
☐ No. Go to Part 2.

☒ Yes.

**2. List all of your priority unsecured claims.** If a creditor has more than one priority unsecured claim, list the creditor separately for each claim. For each claim listed, identify what type of claim it is. If a claim has both priority and nonpriority amounts, list that claim here and show both priority and nonpriority amounts. As much as possible, list the claims in alphabetical order according to the creditor's name. If you have more than two priority unsecured claims, fill out the Continuation Page of Part 1. If more than one creditor holds a particular claim, list the other creditors in Part 3.

(For an explanation of each type of claim, see the instructions for this form in the instruction booklet.)

	Total claim	Priority amount	Nonpriority amount
<b>2.1</b> <b>Indiana Department of Revenue</b> Priority Creditor's Name <b>Bankruptcy Section</b> <b>100 N Senate Ave Rm N-203</b> <b>Indianapolis, IN 46204-2273</b> Number Street City State Zip Code	<b>Only</b> <b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Who incurred the debt?</b> Check one. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another <input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim is for a community debt <b>Is the claim subject to offset?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
<b>Last 4 digits of account number</b> <b>When was the debt incurred?</b> <b>As of the date you file, the claim is:</b> Check all that apply <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed <b>Type of PRIORITY unsecured claim:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic support obligations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taxes and certain other debts you owe the government <input type="checkbox"/> Claims for death or personal injury while you were intoxicated <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify _____			
<b>Notice Only</b>			

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Case number (if known)

2.2

**Internal Revenue Service**

Priority Creditor's Name

**Centralized Insolvency  
Operations****2970 Market St****Philadelphia, PA 19104-5002**

Number Street City State Zip Code

Last 4 digits of account number

**Only****\$0.00****\$0.00****\$0.00**

When was the debt incurred?

Who incurred the debt? Check one.

☒ Debtor 1 only☐ Debtor 2 only☐ Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only☐ At least one of the debtors and another☐ Check if this claim is for a community debt

Is the claim subject to offset?

☒ No☐ Yes

As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply

☐ Contingent☐ Unliquidated☐ Disputed

Type of PRIORITY unsecured claim:

☐ Domestic support obligations☒ Taxes and certain other debts you owe the government☐ Claims for death or personal injury while you were intoxicated☐ Other. Specify**Notice Only****Part 2: List All of Your NONPRIORITY Unsecured Claims****3. Do any creditors have nonpriority unsecured claims against you?**☐ No. You have nothing to report in this part. Submit this form to the court with your other schedules.☒ Yes.**4. List all of your nonpriority unsecured claims in the alphabetical order of the creditor who holds each claim.** If a creditor has more than one nonpriority unsecured claim, list the creditor separately for each claim. For each claim listed, identify what type of claim it is. Do not list claims already included in Part 1. If more than one creditor holds a particular claim, list the other creditors in Part 3. If you have more than three nonpriority unsecured claims fill out the Continuation Page of Part 2.

4.1

**Comenity Bank**

Nonpriority Creditor's Name

**3100 Easton Square PI****Columbus, OH 43219-6232**

Number Street City State Zip Code

Who incurred the debt? Check one.

☒ Debtor 1 only☐ Debtor 2 only☐ Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only☐ At least one of the debtors and another☐ Check if this claim is for a community debt

Is the claim subject to offset?

☒ No☐ Yes

Last 4 digits of account number

**6228**

When was the debt incurred?

**2014-10**

As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply

☐ Contingent☐ Unliquidated☐ Disputed

Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim:

☐ Student loans☐ Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims☐ Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts☒ Other. Specify**Blair Charge Revolving account**

Total claim

**\$186.00**

Debtor 1 **Gruesser, Patricia Kay**

Case number (if known)

4.2

**Navient**

Nonpriority Creditor's Name

Last 4 digits of account number **9648****\$31,898.00****123 S Justison St Ste 30  
Wilmington, DE 19801-5360**

Number Street City State Zip Code

Who incurred the debt? Check one.

☒ Debtor 1 only☐ Debtor 2 only☐ Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only☐ At least one of the debtors and another☐ Check if this claim is for a community debt

Is the claim subject to offset?

☒ No☐ YesWhen was the debt incurred? **2006-08**

As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply

☐ Contingent☐ Unliquidated☐ Disputed

Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim:

☒ Student loans☐ Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims☐ Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts☐ Other. Specify

4.3

**St. Vincent Hospital and Health  
Care Cen**

Nonpriority Creditor's Name

Last 4 digits of account number **7577****\$114.00****2001 W 86th St  
Indianapolis, IN 46260-1902**

Number Street City State Zip Code

Who incurred the debt? Check one.

☒ Debtor 1 only☐ Debtor 2 only☐ Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only☐ At least one of the debtors and another☐ Check if this claim is for a community debt

Is the claim subject to offset?

☒ No☐ YesWhen was the debt incurred? **Unknown**

As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply

☐ Contingent☐ Unliquidated☐ Disputed

Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim:

☐ Student loans☐ Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims☐ Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts☒ Other. Specify **Medical Services****Part 3: List Others to Be Notified About a Debt That You Already Listed**

5. Use this page only if you have others to be notified about your bankruptcy, for a debt that you already listed in Parts 1 or 2. For example, if a collection agency is trying to collect from you for a debt you owe to someone else, list the original creditor in Parts 1 or 2, then list the collection agency here. Similarly, if you have more than one creditor for any of the debts that you listed in Parts 1 or 2, list the additional creditors here. If you do not have additional persons to be notified for any debts in Parts 1 or 2, do not fill out or submit this page.

Name and Address

**GLA Collection Company, Inc.  
2630 Gleeson Way  
Louisville, KY 40299-1772**

On which entry in Part 1 or Part 2 did you list the original creditor?

Line **4.3** of (Check one):☐ Part 1: Creditors with Priority Unsecured Claims☒ Part 2: Creditors with Nonpriority Unsecured Claims

Last 4 digits of account number

**7577**

Name and Address

**U.S. Dept. of Education  
400 Maryland Ave SW  
Washington, DC 20202-0001**

On which entry in Part 1 or Part 2 did you list the original creditor?

Line **4.2** of (Check one):☐ Part 1: Creditors with Priority Unsecured Claims☒ Part 2: Creditors with Nonpriority Unsecured Claims

Last 4 digits of account number

**9648****Part 4: Add the Amounts for Each Type of Unsecured Claim**

6. Total the amounts of certain types of unsecured claims. This information is for statistical reporting purposes only. 28 U.S.C. §159. Add the amounts for each type of unsecured claim.

		Total Claim	
Total claims from Part 1	6a. Domestic support obligations	6a. \$	<b>0.00</b>
	6b. Taxes and certain other debts you owe the government	6b. \$	<b>0.00</b>

Debtor 1 **Guesser, Patricia Kay**

Case number (if know) \_\_\_\_\_

- 6c. **Claims for death or personal injury while you were intoxicated**
- 6d. **Other.** Add all other priority unsecured claims. Write that amount here.

6c. \$ 0.00

6d. \$ 0.00

- 6e. **Total Priority.** Add lines 6a through 6d.

6e. \$ 0.00

**Total claims  
from Part 2**

- 6f. **Student loans**
- 6g. **Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims**
- 6h. **Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts**
- 6i. **Other.** Add all other nonpriority unsecured claims. Write that amount here.
- 6j. **Total Nonpriority.** Add lines 6f through 6i.

**Total Claim**

6f. \$ 31,898.00

6g. \$ 0.00

6h. \$ 0.00

6i. \$ 300.00

6j. \$ 32,198.00

**Fill in this information to identify your case:**

Debtor 1	<b>Patricia Kay Gruesser</b>		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2 (Spouse if, filing)			
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION		
Case number (if known)			

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

**Official Form 106G****Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases**

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, copy the additional page, fill it out, number the entries, and attach it to this page. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

- Do you have any executory contracts or unexpired leases?**
  - ☒ No. Check this box and file this form with the court with your other schedules. You have nothing else to report on this form.
  - ☐ Yes. Fill in all of the information below even if the contacts of leases are listed on *Schedule A/B:Property* (Official Form 106 A/B).
- List separately each person or company with whom you have the contract or lease. Then state what each contract or lease is for (for example, rent, vehicle lease, cell phone).** See the instructions for this form in the instruction booklet for more examples of executory contracts and unexpired leases.

Person or company with whom you have the contract or lease Name, Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code	State what the contract or lease is for
2.1 Name  Number Street  City State ZIP Code	
2.2 Name  Number Street  City State ZIP Code	
2.3 Name  Number Street  City State ZIP Code	
2.4 Name  Number Street  City State ZIP Code	
2.5 Name  Number Street  City State ZIP Code	

**Fill in this information to identify your case:**

Debtor 1	<b>Patricia Kay Gruesser</b>		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2 (Spouse if, filing)			
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION		
Case number (if known)			

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

## Official Form 106H

### Schedule H: Your Codebtors

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Codebtors are people or entities who are also liable for any debts you may have. Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, copy the Additional Page, fill it out, and number the entries in the boxes on the left. Attach the Additional Page to this page. On the top of any Additional Pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

1. Do you have any codebtors? (If you are filing a joint case, do not list either spouse as a codebtor.)

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes

2. Within the last 8 years, have you lived in a community property state or territory? (Community property states and territories include Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin.)

- ☒ No. Go to line 3.  
☐ Yes. Did your spouse, former spouse, or legal equivalent live with you at the time?

3. In Column 1, list all of your codebtors. Do not include your spouse as a codebtor if your spouse is filing with you. List the person shown in line 2 again as a codebtor only if that person is a guarantor or cosigner. Make sure you have listed the creditor on Schedule D (Official Form 106D), Schedule E/F (Official Form 106E/F), or Schedule G (Official Form 106G). Use Schedule D, Schedule E/F, or Schedule G to fill out Column 2.

**Column 1: Your codebtor**

Name, Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code

**Column 2: The creditor to whom you owe the debt**

Check all schedules that apply:

**3.1**

Name

Number  
City

Street

State

ZIP Code

- ☐ Schedule D, line \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Schedule E/F, line \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Schedule G, line \_\_\_\_\_

**3.2**

Name

Number  
City

Street

State

ZIP Code

- ☐ Schedule D, line \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Schedule E/F, line \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Schedule G, line \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1 Patricia Kay GruesserDebtor 2  
(Spouse, if filing)United States Bankruptcy Court for the: SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA,  
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISIONCase number  
(If known)

Check if this is:

- ☐ An amended filing
- ☐ A supplement showing postpetition chapter 13 income as of the following date:

MM / DD / YYYY**Official Form 106I****Schedule I: Your Income**

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together (Debtor 1 and Debtor 2), both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If you are married and not filing jointly, and your spouse is living with you, include information about your spouse. If you are separated and your spouse is not filing with you, do not include information about your spouse. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

**Part 1: Describe Employment****1. Fill in your employment information.**

If you have more than one job, attach a separate page with information about additional employers.

Include part-time, seasonal, or self-employed work.

Occupation may include student or homemaker, if it applies.

**Employment status****Occupation****Employer's name****Employer's address****How long employed there?****Debtor 1**

- ☐ Employed
- ☒ Not employed

**Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse**

- ☒ Employed
- ☐ Not employed

**Part 2: Give Details About Monthly Income**

**Estimate monthly income as of the date you file this form.** If you have nothing to report for any line, write \$0 in the space. Include your non-filing spouse unless you are separated.

If you or your non-filing spouse have more than one employer, combine the information for all employers for that person on the lines below. If you need more space, attach a separate sheet to this form.

**For Debtor 1****For Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse**

**2. List monthly gross wages, salary, and commissions** (before all payroll deductions). If not paid monthly, calculate what the monthly wage would be.

2. \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00

**3. Estimate and list monthly overtime pay.**

3. +\$ 0.00 +\$ 0.00

**4. Calculate gross income.** Add line 2 + line 3.

4. \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00



Debtor 1 **Gruesser, Patricia Kay**

Case number (if known)

	For Debtor 1	For Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse
Copy line 4 here	4. \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>5. List all payroll deductions:</b>		
5a. Tax, Medicare, and Social Security deductions	5a. \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
5b. Mandatory contributions for retirement plans	5b. \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
5c. Voluntary contributions for retirement plans	5c. \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
5d. Required repayments of retirement fund loans	5d. \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
5e. Insurance	5e. \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
5f. Domestic support obligations	5f. \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
5g. Union dues	5g. \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
5h. Other deductions. Specify:	5h.+ \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>6. Add the payroll deductions.</b> Add lines 5a+5b+5c+5d+5e+5f+5g+5h.	6. \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>7. Calculate total monthly take-home pay.</b> Subtract line 6 from line 4.	7. \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>8. List all other income regularly received:</b>		
8a. Net income from rental property and from operating a business, profession, or farm Attach a statement for each property and business showing gross receipts, ordinary and necessary business expenses, and the total monthly net income.	8a. \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
8b. Interest and dividends	8b. \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
8c. Family support payments that you, a non-filing spouse, or a dependent regularly receive Include alimony, spousal support, child support, maintenance, divorce settlement, and property settlement.	8c. \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
8d. Unemployment compensation	8d. \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
8e. Social Security	8e. \$ 1,262.00	\$ 1,275.00
8f. Other government assistance that you regularly receive Include cash assistance and the value (if known) of any non-cash assistance that you receive, such as food stamps (benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or housing subsidies. Specify:	8f. \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
8g. Pension or retirement income	8g. \$ 0.00	\$ 1,888.00
8h. Other monthly income. Specify:	8h.+ \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>9. Add all other income.</b> Add lines 8a+8b+8c+8d+8e+8f+8g+8h.	9. \$ 1,262.00	\$ 3,163.00
<b>10. Calculate monthly income.</b> Add line 7 + line 9. Add the entries in line 10 for Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse.	10. \$ 1,262.00 + \$ 3,163.00 = \$ 4,425.00	
<b>11. State all other regular contributions to the expenses that you list in Schedule J.</b> Include contributions from an unmarried partner, members of your household, your dependents, your roommates, and other friends or relatives. Do not include any amounts already included in lines 2-10 or amounts that are not available to pay expenses listed in Schedule J. Specify:		11. +\$ 0.00
<b>12. Add the amount in the last column of line 10 to the amount in line 11.</b> The result is the combined monthly income. Write that amount on the Summary of Schedules and Statistical Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data, if it applies		12. \$ 4,425.00 Combined monthly income
<b>13. Do you expect an increase or decrease within the year after you file this form?</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Explain:		

**Fill in this information to identify your case:**

Debtor 1 Patricia Kay Gruesser  
 First Name Middle Name Last Name

Debtor 2  
 (Spouse if, filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

Case number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 106Dec

**Declaration About an Individual Debtor's Schedules**

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If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information.

You must file this form whenever you file bankruptcy schedules or amended schedules. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

 Sign Below

Did you pay or agree to pay someone who is NOT an attorney to help you fill out bankruptcy forms?

☒ No

☐ Yes. Name of person \_\_\_\_\_

Attach *Bankruptcy Petition Preparer's Notice, Declaration, and Signature* (Official Form 119)

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have read the summary and schedules filed with this declaration and that they are true and correct.

X /s/ Patricia Gruesser

**Patricia Kay Gruesser**  
 Signature of Debtor 1

Date December 20, 2016

X \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Debtor 2

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**United States Bankruptcy Court**  
**Southern District of Indiana, Indianapolis Division**

In re **Gruesser, Patricia Kay**

Debtor(s)

Case No.

Chapter

**13**

**DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR**

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Fed. Bankr. P. 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above named debtor(s) and that compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows:

For legal services, I have agreed to accept .....	\$	<b>4,000.00</b>
Prior to the filing of this statement I have received .....	\$	<b>615.00</b>
Balance Due .....	\$	<b>3,385.00</b>

2. The source of the compensation paid to me was:

☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify):

3. The source of compensation to be paid to me is:

☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify):

4. ☒ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.

☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compensation is attached.

5. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:

- Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy;
- Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statement of affairs and plan which may be required;
- Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
- [Other provisions as needed]

**Debtor has also paid for bankruptcy filing fees (\$310), credit report (\$40), and two bankruptcy counseling classes (\$35). Representation of the debtor in adversary proceedings and other contested bankruptcy matters shall be at the rate of \$350 per hour, except for those items included in the Rights and Responsibilities document.**

6. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee does not include the following service:

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy proceeding.

**December 20, 2016**

*Date*

**/s/ Jerry E. Smith**

**Jerry E. Smith**

*Signature of Attorney*

**Jerry E. Smith, Attorney CPA, PC**

**320 N Meridian St Ste 801**

**Indianapolis, IN 46204-1752**

**(317) 917-8680 Fax: (866) 567-6529**

**jerry@debtlaw.us**

*Name of law firm*

United States Bankruptcy Court  
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Debtor(s)

**VERIFICATION OF CREDITOR MATRIX**

The above named debtor(s) hereby verify(ies) that the attached matrix listing creditors is true to the best of my(our) knowledge.

Date: December 20, 2016

Signature: /s/ Patricia Gruesser  
**Patricia Gruesser**

Debtor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Joint Debtor, if any

Comenity Bank  
3100 Easton Square Pl  
Columbus, OH 43219-6232

GLA Collection Company, Inc.  
2630 Gleeson Way  
Louisville, KY 40299-1772

Indiana Department of Revenue  
Bankruptcy Section  
100 N Senate Ave Rm N-203  
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2273

Internal Revenue Service  
Centralized Insolvency Operations  
2970 Market St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104-5002

Navient  
123 S Justison St Ste 30  
Wilmington, DE 19801-5360

Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC  
1661 Worthington Rd Ste 100  
West Palm Beach, FL 33409-6493

Santander Consumer USA  
PO Box 961245  
Fort Worth, TX 76161-0244

St. Vincent Hospital and Health Care Cen  
2001 W 86th St  
Indianapolis, IN 46260-1902

U.S. Dept. of Education  
400 Maryland Ave SW  
Washington, DC 20202-0001

United States Bankruptcy Court  
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Debtor(s)

**CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE TO CONSUMER DEBTOR(S)  
UNDER § 342(b) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE**

**Certificate of [Non-Attorney] Bankruptcy Petition Preparer**

I, the [non-attorney] bankruptcy petition preparer signing the debtor's petition, hereby certify that I delivered to the debtor the attached notice, as required by § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer  
Address:

Social Security number (If the bankruptcy  
petition preparer is not an individual, state  
the Social Security number of the officer,  
principal, responsible person, or partner of  
the bankruptcy petition preparer.)  
(Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer of officer, principal, responsible person, or  
partner whose Social Security number is provided above.

**Certificate of the Debtor**

I (We), the debtor(s), affirm that I (we) have received and read the attached notice, as required by § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Gruesser, Patricia Kay  
Printed Name(s) of Debtor(s)

**X** /s/ Patricia Gruesser 12/20/2016  
Signature of Debtor Date

Case No. (if known) \_\_\_\_\_ **X** \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Joint Debtor (if any) Date

**Instructions:** Attach a copy of Form B 201A, Notice to Consumer Debtor(s) Under § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Use this form to certify that the debtor has received the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) **only** if the certification has **NOT** been made on the Voluntary Petition, Official Form B1. Exhibit B on page 2 of Form B1 contains a certification by the debtor's attorney that the attorney has given the notice to the debtor. The Declarations made by debtors and bankruptcy petition preparers on page 3 of Form B1 also include this certification.

## Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)

### This notice is for you if:

**You are an individual filing for bankruptcy,**  
and

**Your debts are primarily consumer debts.**  
*Consumer debts* are defined in 11 U.S.C.  
§ 101(8) as "incurred by an individual  
primarily for a personal, family, or  
household purpose."

### The types of bankruptcy that are available to individuals

Individuals who meet the qualifications may file under  
one of four different chapters of Bankruptcy Code:

Chapter 7 - Liquidation

Chapter 11 - Reorganization

Chapter 12 - Voluntary repayment plan  
for family farmers or  
fishermen

Chapter 13 - Voluntary repayment plan  
for individuals with regular  
income

**You should have an attorney review your  
decision to file for bankruptcy and the choice of  
chapter.**

### Chapter 7: Liquidation

\$245	filing fee
\$75	administrative fee
+	\$15 trustee surcharge
\$335	total fee

Chapter 7 is for individuals who have financial difficulty preventing them from paying their debts and who are willing to allow their nonexempt property to be used to pay their creditors. The primary purpose of filing under chapter 7 is to have your debts discharged. The bankruptcy discharge relieves you after bankruptcy from having to pay many of your pre-bankruptcy debts. Exceptions exist for particular debts, and liens on property may still be enforced after discharge. For example, a creditor may have the right to foreclose a home mortgage or repossess an automobile.

However, if the court finds that you have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny your discharge.

You should know that even if you file chapter 7 and you receive a discharge, some debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible to pay:

most taxes;

most student loans;

domestic support and property settlement obligations;

most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; and

certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers.

You may also be required to pay debts arising from:

fraud or theft;

fraud or defalcation while acting in breach of fiduciary capacity;

intentional injuries that you inflicted; and

death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs.

If your debts are primarily consumer debts, the court can dismiss your chapter 7 case if it finds that you have enough income to repay creditors a certain amount. You must file *Chapter 7 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income* (Official Form 122A-1) if you are an individual filing for bankruptcy under chapter 7. This form will determine your current monthly income and compare whether your income is more than the median income that applies in your state.

If your income is not above the median for your state, you will not have to complete the other chapter 7 form, the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A-2).

If your income is above the median for your state, you must file a second form—the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A-2). The calculations on the form—sometimes called the *Means Test*—deduct from your income living expenses and payments on certain debts to determine any amount available to pay unsecured creditors. If

your income is more than the median income for your state of residence and family size, depending on the results of the *Means Test*, the U.S. trustee, bankruptcy administrator, or creditors can file a motion to dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If a motion is filed, the court will decide if your case should be dismissed. To avoid dismissal, you may choose to proceed under another chapter of the Bankruptcy Code.

If you are an individual filing for chapter 7 bankruptcy, the trustee may sell your property to pay your debts, subject to your right to exempt the property or a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the property. The property, and the proceeds from property that your bankruptcy trustee sells or liquidates that you are entitled to, is called *exempt property*. Exemptions may enable you to keep your home, a car, clothing, and household items or to receive some of the proceeds if the property is sold.

Exemptions are not automatic. To exempt property, you must list it on *Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt* (Official Form 106C). If you do not list the property, the trustee may sell it and pay all of the proceeds to your creditors.

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## Chapter 11: Reorganization

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	\$1,167	filing fee
+	\$550	administrative fee
	\$1,717	total fee

Chapter 11 is often used for reorganizing a business, but is also available to individuals. The provisions of chapter 11 are too complicated to summarize briefly.



**Read These Important Warnings**

Because bankruptcy can have serious long-term financial and legal consequences, including loss of your property, you should hire an attorney and carefully consider all of your options before you file. Only an attorney can give you legal advice about what can happen as a result of filing for bankruptcy and what your options are. If you do file for bankruptcy, an attorney can help you fill out the forms properly and protect you, your family, your home, and your possessions.

Although the law allows you to represent yourself in bankruptcy court, you should understand that many people find it difficult to represent themselves successfully. The rules are technical, and a mistake or inaction may harm you. If you file without an attorney, you are still responsible for knowing and following all of the legal requirements.

You should not file for bankruptcy if you are not eligible to file or if you do not intend to file the necessary documents.

Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime; you could be fined and imprisoned if you commit fraud in your bankruptcy case. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

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**Chapter 12: Repayment plan for family farmers or fishermen**


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	\$200	filing fee
+	\$75	administrative fee
	\$275	total fee

Similar to chapter 13, chapter 12 permits family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time using future earnings and to discharge some debts that are not paid.

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**Chapter 13: Repayment plan for individuals with regular income**


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	\$235	filing fee
+	\$75	administrative fee
	\$310	total fee

Chapter 13 is for individuals who have regular income and would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over a period of time and to discharge some debts that are not paid. You are eligible for chapter 13 only if your debts are not more than certain dollar amounts set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 109.

Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, usually using your future earnings. If the court approves your plan, the court will allow you to repay your debts, as adjusted by the plan, within 3 years or 5 years, depending on your income and other factors.

After you make all the payments under your plan, many of your debts are discharged. The debts that are not discharged and that you may still be responsible to pay include:

domestic support obligations,

most student loans,

certain taxes,

debts for fraud or theft,

debts for fraud or defalcation while acting in a fiduciary capacity,

most criminal fines and restitution obligations,

certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers,

certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury, and

certain long-term secured debts.

### **Warning: File Your Forms on Time**

Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information about your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. The court may dismiss your bankruptcy case if you do not file this information within the deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court.

For more information about the documents and their deadlines, go to:  
[http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/bankruptcy\\_forms.html#procedure](http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/bankruptcy_forms.html#procedure).

### **Bankruptcy crimes have serious consequences**

If you knowingly and fraudulently conceal assets or make a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury—either orally or in writing—in connection with a bankruptcy case, you may be fined, imprisoned, or both.

All information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the U.S. Trustee, the Office of the U.S. Attorney, and other offices and employees of the U.S. Department of Justice.

### **Make sure the court has your mailing address**

The bankruptcy court sends notices to the mailing address you list on *Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Official Form 101). To ensure that you receive information about your case, Bankruptcy Rule 4002 requires that you notify the court of any changes in your address.

A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*. If you file a joint case and each spouse lists the same mailing address on the bankruptcy petition, the bankruptcy court generally will mail you and your spouse one copy of each notice, unless you file a statement with the court asking that each spouse receive separate copies.

### **Understand which services you could receive from credit counseling agencies**

The law generally requires that you receive a credit counseling briefing from an approved credit counseling agency. 11 U.S.C. § 109(h). If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must receive the briefing. With limited exceptions, you must receive it within the 180 days *before* you file your bankruptcy petition. This briefing is usually conducted by telephone or on the Internet.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, you generally must complete a financial management instructional course before you can receive a discharge. If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must complete the course.

You can obtain the list of agencies approved to provide both the briefing and the instructional course from:  
[http://justice.gov/ust/eo/hapcpa/ccde/cc\\_approved.html](http://justice.gov/ust/eo/hapcpa/ccde/cc_approved.html)

In Alabama and North Carolina, go to:  
<http://www.uscourts.gov/FederalCourts/Bankruptcy/BankruptcyResources/ApprovedCreditAndDebtCounselors.aspx>

If you do not have access to a computer, the clerk of the bankruptcy court may be able to help you obtain the list.